Export potential of Rajasthan

3076. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to examine export potential of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of exportable items of Rajasthan;

(c) the details of quantity of these items exported from Rajasthan and foreign exchange earned thereon during the last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to promote export from Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Recently no formal study of the export potential of Rajasthan has been done by the Central Government. However, the Central Government interacts with the State Governments on a regular basis in order to boost exports and export production.

(b) The main items of exports from Rajasthan are textiles, marble, electronic goods, handicrafts, leather goods, precious and semi-precious stones, carpets.

(c) The Central Government does not maintain State-wise data related to items of Exports from various States.

(d) Ministry of Commerce has a number of schemes for export promotion like Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP), Export Oriented Units (EOU), Export Promotion Zones (EPZ), Critical Infrastructure Balancing Scheme (CIBS), Market Development Assistance, Market Access Initiative where exporters can get assistance. These schemes are not state specific but cover all States and UTs. From this year a new scheme will be implemented for providing Central assistance to States for development of export infrastructure and allied activities which will incorporate EPIP and CIB schemes. Under this scheme the Central Government will provide grants to the State Governments on the basis of their export performance and the incremental annual growth in their exports. In

the current year, an outlay of Rs. 97 crores has been provided for the scheme.

Anti-dumping duty on Import of white cement

3077. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently imposed a provisional anti-dumping duty on all imports of white portland cement from UAE and Iran;

(b) if so, what is the rate of duty imposed on each item, per metric ton and when it will come into force;

(c) whether Government also propose to impose anti-dumping duty on some more items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has imposed provisional anti-dumping duty on import of White Portland Cement from UAE and Iran on 14th June, 2001. The rate of anti-dumping duty is given below:

Country	Rate (US $ per MT)
UAE	30
Iran	46

(c) and (d) Anti-Dumping investigation is initiated on the basis of a fully documented petition filed by the domestic industry to the Designated Authority or the Authority initiates *suo-moto* investigations with the information received from the Collector of Customs appointed under the Customs Act, 1962 or from any other source with *prima-facie* evidence of dumping, injury and casual link between the dumping of the imported goods and injury. After investigation Designated Authority recommends imposition of duty and Ministry of Finance imposes and levies duties.